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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852
RE: Docket 98N-1230; Docket 96P-0418; Docket 97P-0197

I am writing in regards to the forced molting practices of the U.S. Egg Industry. The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because it has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. This is the only way to reduce the number of egg-borne diseases and deaths caused by contaminated eggs.

The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices that are harmful to human health – forced molting definitely fits this criteria. It is imperative that the FDA do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. The petition that was submitted to the FDA in April 1998 to ban forced molting should be granted without further delay.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

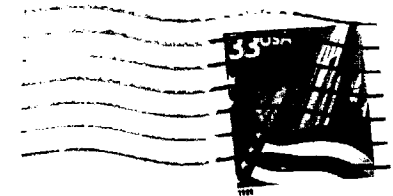
Sincerely,


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